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Serial No.: 10/686,248

Filed: October 15, 2003

For: LiquidProof Seam for Protective Apparel

) Group Art Unit: 3765  
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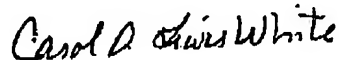
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent  
Application:

1. Response to Office Action of December 14, 2005 (1 page).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS  
REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16  
AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE  
PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.  
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Respectfully submitted,



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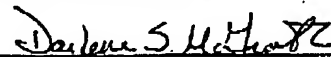
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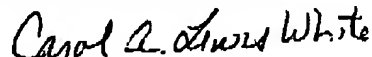
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF December 14, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 14, 2005, applicants elect to proceed with examination of the invention identified as Group I, claims 1-14. Group II is canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) on the nonelected groups during the pendency of this application.

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